

- Minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Commission
- December 7, 2009

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- Attending:

- Stephanie King, Betsy Lipson, Lee Slap, John Owens, David Kane, Andrew Levin

- Absent:

- Dennis Rocha, Laurie Carlson, Ann Bere

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- The meeting was called to order at 7 pm

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- The Director reported on the 2nd Annual Food Pantry Benefit at the Vigliolo Rink held November 28. Attendance at the event totaled approximately 500 and boxes and bags of food were delivered Saturday morning to the food pantry in time for the Thanksgiving holiday. Raffle ticket sales were brisk and the proceeds were donated to the food pantry. The Director feels that this should be an annual event on the Friday before Thanksgiving.

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- Belmont Youth Hockey hosted a clinic featuring current Boston Bruins players which was extremely well attended and very successful.

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- The Recreation Department's Dolphins swim team season is underway with 149 registered swimmers. The team won their opening meets against Weston on December 5. The first home meet is coming up on December 13 against Acton Boxborough.

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- Belmont S.P.O.R.T. will host two holiday events, the first on December 10 at the Mount Auburn VFW and then on Saturday, December 12 at the Belmont United Methodist Church.

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- Upcoming events at the Youth Center were discussed including a dance on December 18. Police details will be on hand whenever there is a dance at the Youth Center.

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- The Nashoba Valley ski program will begin on January 9, 2010, registration is ongoing for that program.

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- The tennis court repair project was discussed. This will be a 2 year capital budget project to repair the courts at Winn Brook and Pequossette. As part of this project, the Grove Street tennis courts will be eliminated. Potential options for the use of the Grove St. court area were discussed. It was decided that neighbors in that area as well as the Belmont Youth Baseball Assn. should be involved in these discussions.

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- The Director updated members on the Department's revenue through November as well as the process for presenting the 2011 budget.

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- The meeting concluded with a presentation to former Commissioner Noreen Millane in appreciation for her years of service. Following that the Commission enjoyed their annual holiday reception.

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- The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

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